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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
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| Application Number | 09/828451 |
| Filing Date | April 6, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | James G. Skakoon |
| Group Art Unit | 3737 |
| Examiner Name | Unknown |
| Attorney Docket Number | 723.031US1 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled DEEP ORGAN ACCESS DEVICE AND METHOD.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☐ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (pages) is enclosed.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney (pages) is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (1 page).
 - a. 1 Form(s) 1449
 - b. 41 Copies of IDS Citations
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$375.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☐ A petition for extension of time in the prior application (pages) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
9. ☒ Others: COMMUNICATION CONCERNING CO-PENDING APPLICATION (1 Page).

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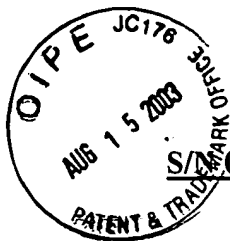
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Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related co-pending application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

| Serial No. | Filing Date | Attorney Docket | Title |
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| 09/932,141 | August 17, 2001 | 723.018US1 | TRAJECTORY GUIDE WITH INSTRUMENT IMMOBILIZER |

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